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Comment Set 33

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Ms. Valerie Van Way
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California State Lands Commission
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825

REGARDING: DEIR for Chevron long wharf terminal lease

Dear Ms. Van Way,

I am a Board Member of the Bicycle Trails Council East Bay (BTCEB, www.btceb.org). We have represented the thousands of mountain bikers in the East Bay in community and park affairs for over 20 years. Our parent organization is the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA).

The BTCEB supports the successful completion of the San Francisco Bay Trail. It is a glorious goal that will hopefully be accomplished. It is only possible by cooperation between many different local government agencies, private land owners and developers, and all different trail user advocacy groups. They all share the common goal; to see such a tremendous recreational gem encircle the bay and improve the quality of life in the communities it touches. It also provides a valuable alternative mode of transportation, something more and more people value every day.

We received a copy of the DEIR from the Chambers Group in February. We were not satisfied with the level at which it addressed public access for completion of a very important stretch of the Bay Trail.

We sincerely hope that the relatively modest requirements for public access for the Bay Trail can be considered in the final version of the EIR. Copies of the Trails for Richmond Action Committee April 4th letter and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition April 10th letter were reviewed by the BTCEB Board. BTCEB strongly endorses the recommendations and comments described in these letters.

Thank you for considering our opinions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Chris Towles
BTCEB Outreach Coordinator

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Response to Comment Set #33

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Please refer to response to Comments 3-1 through 3-15 and Comments 22-1 through 22-3.